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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Takashi NAKAYAMA et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING NEURAL CELL

Examiner: M. K. Sgagias

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a statement on the substance of the personal interview held on September 16, 2008.

In the interview, Applicants' representative reiterated Applicants' previous arguments against Weiss and Zhang. However, the Examiner pointed out that Applicants' arguments pertain to distinctions which are not presently recited in the claims, and thus the outstanding rejections are being maintained.

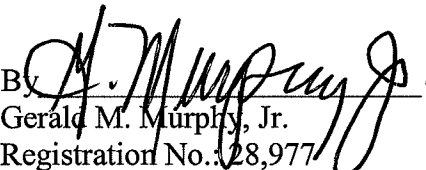
In light of the Examiner's position, Applicants' representative discussed potential claim amendments that the Examiner would consider favorably. In particular, reciting that the differentiation of embryonic stem cells into neural stem cells occurs in a short period of time (i.e., 2-4 days after suspension culture) using ACM; and reciting that the embryonic stem cells are E3.5 blastocysts were discussed. Applicants' representative did not affirmatively indicate that Applicants intend to amend the claims in any particular manner, rather Applicants'

representative indicated that Applicants' representative would pass the Examiner's comments on to the Applicants.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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